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1. USDA DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT WITH BRAZIL HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR REVIEW BY EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT. WE WILL DISCUSS DRAFT PROPOSAL WITH BRAZILIAN DELEGATES AND WORK TOWARDS SIGNING AT LATER DATE. SUMMARY AND TEXT FOLLOW:

SUMMARY OF JOINT STATEMENT

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2. ARTICLES I AND II SET THE TONE FOR DEVELOPING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

3. ARTICLE II SPECIFIES GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND GIVES GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

4. ARTICLES IV AND V PROVIDE FOR A JOINT EFFORT TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION AND A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH CONSULTATION, AND PROVIDES FOR A MECHANISM TO INITIATE PROJECTS AND PROMOTING EXCHANGES.

5. ARTICLE VI ESTABLISHES WORKING GROUPS FOR MONITORING AND COORDINATION.

6. ARTICLE VII GIVES GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING PROCEDURES.

7. ARTICLES VIII AND IX IDENTIFY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR NORMAL AGREEMENTS OF THIS TYPE.

8. BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT-STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN BRASILIA ON MARCH 30, 1978, AND THE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY STATE HENRY A. KISSENGER AND BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA ON FEBRUARY 21, 1976, IN BRASILIA, MUTUALLY DESIRE TO EXPAND COOPERATION
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IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY. TO FURTHER THIS PROPOSAL BOTH SIDES SUPPORT THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COLLABORATION IN AGRICULTURE AND HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

ARTICLE I

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (HEREINAFTER "THE DEPARTMENT") AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL (HEREINAFTER "THE MINISTRY") WILL UNDERTAKE TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE.

ARTICLE II

TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE SCIENTIFIC, ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY BOTH SIDES DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO FACILITATE ACCESS AND CONTACTS BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND SPECIALISTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES AND BY SUCH MEANS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY THE DEPARTMENT AND MINISTRY.

ARTICLE III

TO EXPAND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BOTH PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE IN THE FIELDS OF PLANT, ANIMAL, SOIL SCIENCE, FORESTRY, MECHANIZATION, AND OTHER AGRICULTURALLY RELATED SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN TRAINING, INFORMATION EXCHANGES, AND RESEARCH WILL BE PROPOSED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND ANNEXED TO THIS JOINT STATEMENT. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL BE DEVELOPED AS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICIES OF THE MINISTRY AND THE

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DEPARTMENT THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES. THE ANNEX TO THIS JOINT STATEMENT AND SUCH ADDITIONAL ANNEXES AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED ON ARE INTEGRAL PARTS OF THIS JOINT STATEMENT.

ARTICLE IV

TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE TIMELY FLOW OF ECONOMIC DATA BOTH PARTIES WILL COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING A SCHEDULED EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION SUPPLY, UTILIZATION, AND CONSUMPTION DATA FOR MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. TO FACILITATE THIS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TO DISCUSS OTHER COOPERATIVE RESEARCH INTERESTS IN THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF DATA THE SIDES AGREE TO ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER PARTY.

ARTICLE V

TO EXPAND THE COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION IN JOINT PROGRAMS FOR EXCHANGING TECHNOLOGY BOTH SIDES WILL INITIATE INVITATIONS FOR EXCHANGE VISITS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN PRINCIPAL AREAS OF INTEREST. THE SIDES WILL LEND CONTINUED SUPPORT IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS FOR AND IN PROMOTING CONTACTS WITH AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, COOPERATIVES, AND OTHER FIRMS AND ENTERPRISES IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

ARTICLE VI

TO PROMOTE CONTINUITY AND TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN DIALOGUE SEPARATE WORKING GROUPS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT UTILIZATION

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AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND THESE GROUPS AT THE REQUEST OF RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN WILL HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL AND COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES DURING EACH YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT. THE PRINCIPAL CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON FOR COORDINATION OF MATTERS COVERED BY THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL. IN BRASILIA, COORDINATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY AND THE OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN BRASILIA.

ARTICLE VII

EACH PARTY, PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, OR FIRM SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF ITS PARTICIPATION AND THAT OF ITS PERSONNEL IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES ENGAGED UNDER THIS JOINT STATEMENT, UNLESS OTHERWISE MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MINISTRY.

ARTICLE VIII

NOTHING IN THIS JOINT STATEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO PREJUDICE OR MODIFY ANY EXISTING UNDERSTANDINGS OR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MINISTRY OR THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

ARTICLE IX

THE JOINT STATEMENT COMES INTO FORCE WHEN SIGNED AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS UNLESS EXTENDED BY MUTUAL

AGREEMENT. DURING THE TIME THE JOINT STATEMENT IS IN FORCE, IT MAY BE TERMINATED BY UNILATERAL ACTION NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION. IN THE EVENT OF
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TERMINATION OF THIS JOINT STATEMENT, ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE FOR COMPLETION OF ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDERWAY UNDER THIS JOINT STATEMENT. END TEXT. VANCE

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